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Deposition of Wanda Andrews

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19 FED. R. CIV. P.30(B)(6) DEPOSITION OF CITY OF HOUSTON	Summary; HFD Assessment; HFD Special
(WANDA L. ANDREWS), produced as a witness at the instance 20 of the Plaintiff and duly sworn, was taken in the	19 Bulletin; Executive Order 1-50 -
above-styled and numbered cause on Tuesday, August 13,	HOU00002257 through 2318
21 2019, from 9:38 a.m. to 1:04 p.m., before JAMES M. PLAIR,	20
Certified Shorthand Reporter in and for the State of	21
22 Texas, reported by computerized stenotype machine at the CITY OF HOUSTON LEGAL DEPARTMENT, 900 Bagby, Third Floor,	22
23 Houston, Texas 77002, pursuant to the Federal Rules of	23
Civil Procedure and the provisions stated on the record or	24
24 attached hereto. 25 Job No. 407947	25
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1 APPEARANCES 2	1 WANDA L. ANDREWS,
REPRESENTING PLAINTIFF UNITED STATES OF AMERICA:	2 having first been duly sworn, was examined and testified
3 Mr. Joromy B. Montoiro	3 as follows:
Mr. Jeremy P. Monteiro 4 Mr. Hector F. Ruiz	4 EXAMINATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE	5 BY MR. RUIZ:
5 EMPLOYMENT LITIGATION - CIVIL RIGHTS DIVISION 950 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.	
6 Washington, D.C. 20530-0001	6 Q. Good morning, Ms. Andrews.
202.616.9100 Telephone 7 202.514.1005 Fax	7 A. Good morning.
Jeremy.Monteiro@usdoj.gov Email	8 Q. My name is Hector Ruiz. I'm with the
8 Hector.Ruiz@usdoj.gov Email 9 and	9 Department of Justice and I'm here today with Jeremy
9 and 10 Mr. Keith Wyatt	10 Monteiro, who is also with the Civil Rights Division of
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11 OFFICE 1000 Louisiana Street, Suite 2300	
12 Houston, Texas 77002	12 right; he's with the United States Attorney General's
713.567.9767 Telephone 13 Elizabeth.Karpati@usdoj.gov Email	13 Office here in Houston, Texas; and we're here in to
Keith.Wyatt@usdoj.gov Email	14 take your testimony in the case, the United States v. the
14	15 City of Houston.
15 REPRESENTING DEFENDANT CITY OF HOUSTON: 16 Ms. Deidra N. Sullivan	16 Would you please state your full name for
CITY OF HOUSTON LEGAL DEPARTMENT	
17 900 Bagby Street, Third Floor Houston, Texas 77002-2527	17 the record?
18 832.393.6457 Telephone	18 A. Wanda Lynnette Andrews.
832.393.6259 Fax	19 Q. Would you please provide your business address
19 Deidra.Sullivan@houstontx.gov Email 20	20 A. 1801 Smith Street, ZIP 77002
REPRESENTING PLAINTIFFS-INTERVENORS JANE DRAYCOTT AND	21 Q. Thank you.
21 PAULA KEYES:	,
	22 A Houston, Texas.
22 Mr. S. Nasım Anmad Mr. Dwain Gregory Capodice II	
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Q. Okay. I'm just going to cover some rules --

- 2 A. Okay.
- 3 Q. -- of depositions so that we know how to proceed 4 today.
- 5 First of all, everything that you and I
- 6 discuss will be taken down by the court reporter here.
- 7 It's really important that he be able to take down what I
- 8 say and what you say, what I ask and how you answer.
- 9 So go ahead and would you please let me
- 10 finish my questions? Even if you think you know what I'm
- 11 going to ask, go ahead and just let me finish my question
- 12 and then you can give me a complete answer. Okay?
- 13 A. Sure.
- 14 Q. Also, it's important that you -- if the answer
- 15 is "yes" that you answer "yes" and not a nod because he
- 16 can only take down words and not a nod. Is that okay?
- 17 A. That's not a nod?
- 18 Q. Yes.
- 19 A. Gotcha, yes.
- 20 MS. SULLIVAN: It ends up being a gesture.
- 21 Q. (BY MR. RUIZ) Now, if you don't hear my
- 22 question, just go ahead and say so, and I'll restate it.
- 23 Unless the attorney, your attorney, instructs you to not
- 24 answer, you should answer the question.
- 25 A. Okay.

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 Q. Okay. If you need a break, just say so. I just
- 2 ask, if there is a question pending, that the question be
- 3 answered before the break, before you take the break.
- 4 Is that okay?
- 5 A. Yes.
- 6 Q. You're under oath. Do you understand what
- 7 testifying completely and truthfully means?
- 8 A. I believe I do, yes.
- 9 Q. Is there any reason that prevents you from
- 10 testifying completely and truthfully today?
- 11 A. No.
- 12 Q. Ms. Andrews, I want to go through a process to
- 13 identify the topics that you have been designated to
- 14 testify about.
- 15 I'm handing you what was marked yesterday
- 16 as Deposition Exhibit 1. Okay. It's the Plaintiff's
- 17 Amended Notice of Federal Rules of Civil Procedure
- 18 30(b)(6) Deposition to Defendant, City of Houston.
- 19 Would you go ahead and take a moment to
- 20 review that, please? It's dated August 2nd, 2019.
- 21 (Witness reviewing document)
- 22 Q. (BY MR. RUIZ) Have you seen a copy of this
- 23 notice before, Ms. Andrews?
- 24 A. It doesn't look familiar, no.
- 25 Q. Okay.

- 1 What I'm going to hand you now is -- was
- 2 marked yesterday as Exhibit 2. Okay? And what it is, is
- 3 the Defendant's, City of Houston's, First Amended
- 4 Objections and Responses to Plaintiff's Amended Notice of
- 5 Federal Rules of Civil Procedure 30(b)(6) Deposition to
- 6 Defendant, City of Houston.
- 7 A. May I stop you for a moment?
- 8 Q. Absolutely.
- A. I'm not exactly sure what I'm looking at here.
- 10 Q. It's a notice that the Department of Justice
- 11 sent to the City, requesting that they provide witnesses
- 12 to provide information about specific topics.
- 13 A. Oh, okay.
- 14 Q. If you haven't seen it, you haven't seen it.
- 15 It's okay.
- 16 A. Okay. So I don't need to read through this?
- 17 Q. No. If you haven't seen it --
- 18 A. Okay.
- 19 Q. -- we'll cover the different topics to make sure
- 20 you understand what you are testifying about today.
- 21 A. All right.
- 22 Q. Okay. This is Exhibit 2. Go ahead and take a
- 23 moment to review it.
- 24 (Witness reviewing document)
- 25 MS. SULLIVAN: Is there a question pending?
- 1 MR. RUIZ: No. I just asked her to review
- 2 it.
- 3 MS. SULLIVAN: Okay. Okay.
- 4 Q. (BY MR. RUIZ) Ms. Andrews, have you seen
- 5 Exhibit 2 before?
- 6 A. No.
- 7 Q. No, you haven't?
- 8 A. No.
- 9 Q. Okay. If you would, would you please turn to
- 10 pages in Exhibit 2? It's Pages 4 of 21.
- 11 A. (Witness complies).
- 12 Q. I want you to look at the top of the page that
- 13 says "1" and I'm going to refer to that as "topic 1".
- 14 A. Okay.
- 15 Q. Okay. Now, the City has designated you to
- 16 testify with respect to topic 1(c), on the next page --
- 17 A. Okay.
- 18 Q. -- and 1(e) on the following page after that,
- 19 Page 6 of 21.
- 20 If you look on Page 5 of 21, at 1(c), it
- 21 says: "Response, Defendant designates Wanda Andrews to
- 22 testify regarding HFD training on Human Resource issues
- 23 during the relevant time frame."
- 24 A. Okay.
- 25 Q. Do you see that?



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Page 9	Page 11 1 And would you please turn to topics 4(d)?
2 Q. Okay. And if you turn to Page 7 of 21, in the	1 And would you please turn to topics 4(d)? 2 4(d), you can find on Page 19 of 21, and 4(f), and you can
3 second supplemental response for 1(e), the last sentence,	3 also find that beginning on Page 19 of 21 and carrying
4 states that Houston will present Ms. Andrews as designated	4 over to 20 of 21.
5 in its June 14th, 2019 response. Do you see that?	5 (Witness reviewing document)
6 A. I'm sorry. Repeat that.	6 Q. (BY MR. RUIZ) Ms. Andrews, are you prepared to
7 MS. SULLIVAN: I'm sorry.	7 answer questions regarding those topics?
8 A. Oh, last sentence, yes.	8 A. Yes.
9 Q. (BY MR. RUIZ) Okay. And would you please	9 Q. And the last topic that you have been designated
10 review topics 1(c) and 1(e)?	10 to provide testimony as the City's representative is for
11 (Witness reviewing document)	11 topic 5, which is on Page 20, okay, and that topic is HFD
12 MS. SULLIVAN: You don't have to read all	12 complaint policy dissemination and training.
13 the objections and stuff like that.	13 Now, for topic 5, you have only been
14 THE WITNESS: Oh.	14 designated for the training aspect, not on the
15 MS. SULLIVAN: That's legalese stuff. He	15 dissemination.
16 just wants you to	16 A. Uh-hm.
17 THE WITNESS: To be clear on this one?	17 Q. Do you see that?
18 MS. SULLIVAN: Yeah, this 1(c).	18 MS. SULLIVAN: You have to say "yes".
19 THE WITNESS: Oh, okay. All right.	19 THE WITNESS: Yes. I'm sorry. Yes.
20 Thanks. All right.	20 Q. (BY MR. RUIZ) And are you prepared to respond
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22 questions regarding these matters?	22 A. Yes.
23 A. Yes.	23 Q. Thank you very much.
24 Q. Okay. Now, would you please turn to topics	24 Ms. Andrews, when did you learn that you
25 2(c)? 2(c) you can find on Page 10 of 21, and 2(e), which	25 were being designated as the City's representative for
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Q. When did you obtain your Bachelor's Degree in

Q. Thank you very much.

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1 Human Resources?

- 2 A. Now, you want to know my age. 1978.
- 3 Q. And you mentioned that you have an HR
- 4 certification?
- 5 A. Yes.
- Q. What is that, ma'am? 6
- 7 A. Basically, you take a test on various topics
- 8 dealing with HR issues to become certified in those
- 9 particular areas.
- 10 Q. What organization administers the test?
- A. This was administered by the Human Resources,
- 12 HCRI, Certification Institute. It's also administered by
- 13 SHRM, the Society of Human Resources, Human Resources and
- 14 Management.
- 15 Q. When did you obtain that certifications?
- A. Wow, hmm. I have had this certification for at
- 17 least -- I think at least 15 years.
- Q. What is your current position with the City? 18
- A. My current position is Human Resources Manager. 19
- 20 Q. And how long have you held that position?
- 21 A. Since 2005, so about 14, soon to be 15 years.
- Q. And what are your responsibilities in that 22
- 23 position?
- 24 A. At this particular point, my responsibility
- 25 primarily deals with training reeducation.
- Page 14
- 1 Q. Is there a particular department in the City
- 2 that you are responsible for training and reeducation for?
- A. The Houston Fire Department.
- 4 Q. The Houston Fire Department.
- 5 And how long have you had responsibilities
- 6 for training and reeducation for the Houston Fire
- 7 Department?
- A. I would say, at this point, about nine years.
- 9 Q. Nine years.
- 10 And, before that, what were your
- 11 responsibilities?
- A. Before that, I was responsible for Human 12
- 13 Resources issues, such as FMLA, benefits administration,
- 14 those types of issues, recruiting, onboarding.
- 15 Q. Is that also for the Houston Fire Department?
- 16 A. Yes.
- 17 Q. Ms. Andrews, did you spend time preparing for
- 18 this deposition?
- 19 A. Yes.
- 20 Q. How long did you spend?
- 21 A. About two-and-a-half hours.
- 22 Q. Two-and-a-half hours.
- 23 Would you please describe to me everything
- 24 you did to prepare for this deposition?
- 25 A. Everything I did?

- 1 Q. Yes, ma'am.
- 2 A. I met with the City attorneys, who gave me some
- 3 instructions as far as how to --
- 4 MS. SULLIVAN: Wait. wait. wait.
- 5 MR. RUIZ: Wait.
- 6 MS. SULLIVAN: Don't talk about what we
- 7 discussed.
- 8 THE WITNESS: Oh.
- (BY MR. RUIZ) When you -- Thank you very much
- 10 for trying to describe. I understand you were trying to
- 11 answer the question, but any conversations you had with
- 12 the City attorneys, those are between you and the City.
- 13 They are privileged.
- 14 So discussions you had with the City
- 15 attorneys, do not describe the content of the discussions.
- 16 A. Okay.
- 17 Q. Okay. You can just say you met with the City
- 18 attorneys.
- 19 A. I met with the City attorneys.
- 20 Q. Okay. Great.
- 21 What else did you do?
- 22 A. I don't know how to answer that. What else did
- 23 I do in regards to?
- 24 Q. To preparing for this deposition.

A. That's how I prepared.

25 A. Other than meeting with the City attorneys?

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- Q. Yes, ma'am.
- 3 Okay. Let me -- let me see if I can -- I'll try
- 4 and help you out. Were you given any documents?
- 5 A. I have documents, yes.
- 6 When you say you have documents, were they given 7 to you?
- A. I had the opportunity to review them. I don't 9 have them.
- 10 Q. Who gave you the documents?
- 11 A. The City attorney.
- 12 Q. And when you say the "City attorney", do you
- 13 mean the actual City Attorney?
- 14 MS. SULLIVAN: Ron Lewis.
- 15 A. Do you mean the head of Legal? Then no. It was
- 16 Deidra Sullivan and Marjorie Cohen.
- Q. (BY MR. RUIZ) Which documents did they provide 17 18 to you?
- 19 A. Oh, Dear God.
- 20 THE WITNESS: Am I to answer that?
- 21 MS. SULLIVAN: You have to. I can't --
- 22 THE WITNESS: Would you repeat the
- 23 question, please?
- 24 (BY MR. RUIZ) Which documents did they provide
- 25 to you?



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Page 19 1 response, recommendations, disciplinary actions, A. Documents with some questions for possible 2 consideration.

- Q. Did you review that document that had questions 3 4 for possible consideration?
- 5 A. Yes.
- 6 Q. Did it help you in preparing for today's
- 7 deposition?
- A. Yes.
- Q. Where is that document now?
- 10 A. I'm not sure. I don't have it.
- 11 Q. Was it taken back from you?
- 12 A. Yes.
- 13 Q. Okay. How long did you review the document?
- A. Again, we were in the meeting for about
- 15 two-and-a-half hours.
- 16 Q. Was there any other documents that you were
- 17 given?
- 18 A. No, not that I recall.
- 19 Q. Have you reviewed any deposition transcripts in
- 20 preparation for this deposition?
- 21 A. No.
- 22 Q. Have you reviewed any complaint policies in
- 23 preparation for this deposition?
- 24 A. No.
- 25 Q. Have you reviewed the conclusions of any OIG

- 2 corrective measures, or any other actions, taken as a
- 3 result of the findings issued with respect to OIG 09-424,
- 4 and that's on Page 4 of 21 of Exhibit 2.
 - Topic 1(c) is also a topic, and it's
- 6 training of firefighters at Fire Station 54 conducted in
- 7 response to OIG 09-424's findings (HOU5843) and
- 8 Investigative Synopsis (HOU5851 through 5865).
- 9 Do you see that?
- 10 A. I do, yes.
- Q. Okay. Now, I'm handing to you what has been 11
- 12 marked yesterday as Exhibit 3, and it's Bates stamped
- 13 HOU00005843.
- 14 Ms. Andrews, are you familiar with this
- 15 document?
- 16 A. No.
- 17 Q. Have you ever seen it before?
- 18 A. No.

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- 19 Q. Let me show you another document.
 - It's -- it's been marked yesterday as
- 21 Exhibit No. 4, okay, and it is HOU00005852, and it runs
- 22 through HOU00005865, and I just want you to take a moment
- 23 to review that document, please.
- 24 (Witness reviewing document)
- 25 MS. SULLIVAN: Do you want her to read the

Page 18 1 investigation in preparation for this deposition?

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- 3 Q. Have you spoken with any members of the Houston
- 4 Fire Department in preparation for this deposition?
- A. No.
- 6 Q. When did you meet with the City attorneys to
- 7 prepare for this deposition?
- A. I think that was Monday, August 5th, to the best 9 of my recollection.
- 10 Q. Did you take any notes during the meeting?
- 11
- 12 Q. Have you read the complaint by -- filed by the
- 13 United States in this lawsuit?
- 14 A. No.
- 15 Q. No. Okay.
- 16 We're going to go ahead and dive into the
- 17 topics, then. Thank you --
- 18 A. Okay.
- 19 Q. -- very much.
- 20 Let's go ahead and begin with topic 1(c),
- 21 and just so that we're clear on the same page, what you
- 22 can do is look back at topic 1(c). It's Exhibit 2, and
- 23 you can turn to -- topic 1 is described on Page 4 of 21
- 24 and topic 1(c) is specifically on Page 5 of 21. Okay.
- 25 Now, topic 1 is OIG 09-424, Defendant's

- 1 whole thing?
- 2 MR. RUIZ: No.
 - (BY MR. RUIZ) Just, generally, I'm just going
- 4 to ask you if you have seen that before.
- 5 A. No, I have not.
- 6 You have not seen that document before?
- 7 A. No.
- Q. So the document that you did you review in
- 9 preparation for this deposition, it didn't -- it didn't
- 10 look like either of these documents?
- 11 A. No, it did not.
- 12 Q. And the document you did review did help you
- 13 prepare for this deposition?
- 14
- 15 MR. RUIZ: Deidra, I would kind of like to
- 16 see it, the document that she reviewed in preparation for
- 17 this deposition.
- 18 MS. SULLIVAN: That one, Exhibit 2.
- 19 MR. RUIZ: It was Exhibit 2?
- 20 MS. SULLIVAN: Yes, yeah.
- 21 MR. RUIZ: Okay.
- 22 Q. (BY MR. RUIZ) Looking at Exhibit 2,
- 23 Ms. Andrews, do you recognize this document, Exhibit 2, as
- 24 the document that you reviewed?
- 25 A. Yes.



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Filed on 11/18/19 in TXSD Page 7 of 38 Wanda Andrews 30(b)(6) Page 21 1 this: Did you have this memo already when -- when you Q. Exhibit 2 --2 2 were preparing for this deposition? A. Yes. 3 Q. -- that's the document you reviewed? 3 A. Yes. Q. And you just reviewed a memo that you already 4 A. Yes. 5 5 had in your possession? Q. Thank you very much. 6 Ms. Andrews, are you familiar with OIG's A. Yes. 6 7 investigation No. 09-424? Q. Okay. Do you remember the approximate date of A. No. 8 8 that memo, the one from Rick Flanagan? A. I'm thinking it was around March 2010. Q. Okay. I'm going to ask you some questions that 10 relate -- Okay. I want to know if the City provided any 10 Q. Okay. Did that -- did that -- reviewing that 11 training specifically in response to the findings and 11 memo help you prepare for this deposition? 12 synopsis for OIG's investigation into 09-424. 12 A. Yes. 13 A. Not that I'm aware of. 13 Q. Do you remember any -- any other memo that you 14 Q. Okay. 14 reviewed? 15 MR. RUIZ: I know it's early. Why don't we 15 A. I don't recall another -- Wait. 16 take a break so we can meet together real quick. 16 THE WITNESS: A question? 17 MS. SULLIVAN: Okay. 17 MS. SULLIVAN: Nuh-uhm. THE WITNESS: Just go on? 18 18 MR. RUIZ: Just a couple-minute break. 19 (Recess from 10:06:14 a.m. to 10:11:09 19 MS. SULLIVAN: Yeah. 20 20 THE WITNESS: Would you restate that 21 Q. (BY MR. RUIZ) Ms. Andrews, where we left off, I 21 question? 22 Q. (BY MR. RUIZ) Do you remember any other memo 22 was asking you about training that was -- well, we left 23 off asking you about the training that was specifically 23 that you reviewed? performed in response to OIG's investigation into 09-424. 24 A. That was the key memo. I don't recall another 25 Do you remember that? 25 specifically. Page 22 Page 24 1 A. Yes. Q. Okay. Did you provide the documents that you 2 Q. I want to turn back to my questions about your 2 reviewed to the City? 3 preparation for this deposition. Okay? A. Yes. 4 4 Q. Okay. And did you get to keep those documents Earlier, you identified one document that 5 you reviewed that was given to you in preparation. Do you 5 or did you turn them over to the City? A. I kept my originals. 6 remember that? 6 7 A. Yes. 7 Q. You kept your originals. Okay. Q. Did you review any other documents in 8 Where are those documents now? 9 preparation for this deposition that were not given to 9 A. In my office. 10 you? 10 Q. Okay. Is your office here? 11 A. Yes. 11 A. No.

12 Q. Okay. Which documents were those?

13 A. There were various memos that was reviewed.

14 There was also the Horton assessment.

Q. Okay. Do you remember specifically which memos 15 16 that you reviewed?

17 A. I recall one memo from an Assistant Chief or a 18 Fire Chief at the time, from Chief Rick Flanagan.

19 Q. What was the memo about?

A. That memo was about training. 20

21 Q. And how did you obtain this memo?

22 A. Someone must have given me a copy, because I

23 don't think I got it directly from the Chief, but I did

24 receive a copy for my files.

25 Q. Okay. So when you reviewed -- Let me ask you 12 MS. SULLIVAN: We provided those documents.

13 MR. RUIZ: You did?

14 MS. SULLIVAN: Yeah. They were in a couple

15 of productions ago. She would have been the custodian of

16 it.

17 MR. RUIZ: That would have been thousands 18 of records of -- You don't know it specifically? I mean,

19 it doesn't identify it specifically, what she reviewed.

20 Right?

21 MS. SULLIVAN: No, but what she's talked

22 about so far, it was provided with -- as a part of her

23 files.

24 MR. RUIZ: Okay. Deidra, would you be able

25 to identify the Bates number?



Pagess 25..28 30(b)(6) Page 25 Page 27 1 A. Yes. MS. SULLIVAN: I would have to go back and 1 2 2 pull it up. Q. Okay. 3 3 MR. RUIZ: Would you please, when you get a MR. RUIZ: We can go off the record. 4 chance, can we identify the documents you reviewed in 4 (Discussion off the record) preparation for this deposition? 5 (Recess from 10:23:34 a.m. to 10:25:49 MS. SULLIVAN: That, I don't -- Can we go 6 6 a.m.) 7 off the record? 7 (BY MR. RUIZ) Ms. Andrews, when you say that 8 MR. RUIZ: Yes. 8 you provided Ms. Sullivan with documents that you reviewed 9 (Recess from 10:16:30 a.m. to 10:20:34 9 in a folder, okay, are we talking an electronic folder or 10 a.m.) 10 hard copies of documents? 11 Q. (BY MR. RUIZ) Ms. Andrews, I'm going to show 11 A. Hard copies. 12 you something on this tablet, okay? And you can just, on 12 Q. And when did you provide these hard copies of 13 the tablet, you can scroll up and down. 13 documents to Ms. Sullivan? 14 A. Uh-hm. 14 A. Again, the latter part of July and additional 15 Q. Okay. What it is, it is Bates marked on this 15 copies on August 5th. I think there were some additional 16 tablet as US015165 and the last electronic page is Bates 16 copies. 17 stamped US015168, okay, which you can just scroll through 17 Q. Okay. Approximately, how many hard copies --18 that and tell me if you recognize that as the memo from 18 how many pages did you provide to her? 19 Rick Flanagan that you reviewed in preparation for this 19 A. I don't recall how many pages. 20 Q. Other than the documents that you have described 21 I don't know if this is the same memo. 21 to me, various memos and the Horton assessment, can you 22 Q. Okay. Thank you. 22 remember any other document that you provided to 23 Ms. Sullivan? 23 You don't know if that -- You don't 24 24 recognize this as --A. There was some training from LegalWATCH. 25 Q. Training from LegalWATCH. 25 A. I don't recall that being the same memo. Page 28 Page 26 1 Q. Okay. Can you describe the document which you are 2 2 referring to when you state the "training from Ms. Andrews, do you recall giving the City 3 a copy of everything that you reviewed? 3 LegalWATCH"? A. Everything that I reviewed, yes. To the best of A. The department hired a firm to come out and to 5 my recollection, I did. 5 conduct some training for the Command Staff. 6 Q. When did that happen? Q. And did you give those copies to Ms. Sullivan? 7 A. Whatever copies I provided, yes, I gave to 7 A. That was April 2010. 8 Ms. Sullivan. Q. Okay. And what does the document consist of? 9 Q. Thank you very much. 9 A. It was a handout from the company that did the 10 MR. RUIZ: Do I have copies of everything 10 training to follow along with a PowerPoint presentation. 11 that she gave to you? 11 Q. Do you remember any other documents that you 12 MS. SULLIVAN: Everything they gave, I 12 provided to the City? produced. I would have to go back and see, because it was 13 A. I also provided some PowerPoint presentations 14 a couple of productions ago. 14 that I had created for the Houston Fire Department. 15 15 Q. And when had you created those? MR. RUIZ: Okay. Okay. 16 Q. (BY MR. RUIZ) Ms. Andrews, when did you review A. Oh, gee. This goes back several years ago. 16 17 these materials? 17 Like, I can't give you a specific time frame, but it was 18 A. August 5th. 18 more than a couple of years ago. 19 Q. August 5th? 19 Q. Okay. Why did you select these documents to 20 A. Monday, August 5th. 20 provide to the City? 21 Q. And when did you provide these copies to 21 A. I was asked to provide copies of any training we 22 Ms. Sullivan? 22 had provided to the Houston Fire Department. 23 A. We had provided -- I had provided copies a week 23 Q. Ms. Andrews, you mentioned the Horton 24 or so before that. 24 assessment --25 Q. So, like, July? 25 A. Yes.

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- 2 that you provided to the City. Is --
- 3 A. Yes.
- 4 Q. -- that correct?
- 5 I'm going to hand you what I am marking as
- 6 Exhibit -- 30(b)(6) Deposition Exhibit No. 13. Okay.
- 7 (Exhibit 13 marked)
- 8 MR. RUIZ: It's Bates stamped HOU00002257
- 9 through HOU00002318.
- 10 MS. SULLIVAN: Thank you.
- THE WITNESS: Okay. 11
- 12 Q. (BY MR. RUIZ) Ms. Andrews, is this a copy of
- 13 the assessment that you're referring to?
- A. Yes, it is. 14
- 15 Q. Okay. Thank you.
- I'm going to turn your attention back to 16
- 17 Exhibit 2, which is the City's designations as to who will
- provide testimony on specific topics. Okay.
- 19 Will you please turn to topic 2? Topic 2
- 20 is -- You can find it on Page 9 of 21, and it is
- 21 OIG 09-407, Defendant's response, recommendations,
- 22 disciplinary actions, corrective measures, or any other
- 23 action, taken as a result of OIG's findings and synopsis
- 24 issued with respect to OIG 09-407 (HOU5460, HOU1472-1495).
- 25 Do you see that?

A. I do, yes.

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- 2 Q. And if you refer to topic 2(c), on the next
- page, that -- that topic is training of firefighters at
- 4 Fire Station 54, conducted in response to OIG 09-407
- 5 findings and synopsis report.
- 6 Do you see that?
- 7 A. I do, yes.
- Q. Now, the City designated you to answer questions
- 9 on this subtopic. Do you see that?
- 10 A. Are you referring to (c) as a subtopic?
- 11 Q. Yes, ma'am.
- A. Yes. 12
- 13 Q. If you look down to the response, the City
- 14 designated you to answer questions on this subtopic.
- 15 Do you see that?
- 16 A. Yes.
- 17 Q. I'm going to hand you what's been Bates stamped
- 18 as Exhibit 7. It is Bates stamped -- It was marked -- I'm
- 19 sorry -- marked as Exhibit 7 yesterday, and the Bates
- stamp on it is HOU00005460 through HOU00005462, and I want
- 21 you to just review that document for a minute, please.
- 22 (Witness reviewing document)
- 23 Q. (BY MR. RUIZ) Ms. Andrews, are you familiar
- 24 with this document?
- 25 A. No, I'm not.

- 2 A. No, I have not.
- 3 Q. Thank you very much.
- 4 I'm going to hand you what is Exhibit
- 5 No. 8, okay, and it is HOU00001472 through HOU00001495,
- 6 and I just want you to review it and I will ask you about
- 7 your familiarity with it.
- 8 MS. SULLIVAN: Can we go off the record
- while she's reviewing? I'm going to go see if I can find 9
- 10 these documents.
- MR. RUIZ: Okay. 11
- (Recess from 10:34:50 a.m. to 10:43:51 12
- 13 a.m.)
- 14 (BY MR. RUIZ) Ms. Andrews, before I move on to
- 15 these documents -- or I'm sorry.
- 16 Did you complete your review of the exhibit
- 17 that you were reviewing?
- A. Yes, I did. 18
- 19 Q. Have you ever seen it before?
- 20 A. No, I have not.
- 21 Q. Are -- are you familiar with that -- that
- 22 investigation?
- 23 A. No, I'm not.
- 24 Q. You're not. Okay.
- 25 Before I move on to ask you questions about
 - Page 32
- 1 the investigation detailed in Exhibit 8, which is
 - 2 OIG 09-407, I need you to turn back to topic 1(e).
 - A. Uh-hm.
 - Q. Would you please turn back to topic 1(e)? You
 - 5 can find it on Page 6 of 21 in Exhibit 2.
 - 6 Topic 1(e) relates to OIG 09-424. Topic
 - 7 1(e) is: "Defendant's efforts to prevent reoccurrence of
 - 8 the actions complained of in OIG 09-424, including but not
 - 9 limited to the cold water being turned off in shower in
 - women's bathroom; speakers being turned off in women's
 - dormitory; males using the women's bathroom and urinating
 - 12 outside of the toilet; the removal of mattresses from the
 - women's dormitory; the removal of items from lockers in
 - 14 women's dormitory; and leaving of trash in the women's
 - 15 dormitory."
 - 16 Do you see that?
 - 17 A. Yes.
 - 18 Q. Ms. Andrews, after OIG 09-424 was completed and
 - 19 OIG formed 09-424 findings and investigative synopsis was
 - 20 issued, were any efforts taken to prevent the reoccurrence
 - 21 of the actions complained of by Ms. Draycott in 09-424?
 - 22 A. I'm not aware of any.
 - 23 Q. Now, I want to turn now to topic 2, the two
 - 24 documents that we were reviewing, and I want to turn first
 - 25 to -- Well, topic 2 is OIG 09-407, Defendant's response,

Case 4:18-cv-00644 Document 64-1 Filed on 11/18/19 in TXSD Page 10 of 38 Wanda Andrews Pagess 33..36 Page 33 Page 35 1 the complaint in 09-407? 1 recommendations, disciplinary actions, corrective 2 2 measures, or any other action, taken as a result of OIG's A. No. 3 findings and synopsis issued with respect to OIG 09-407. 3 Q. You mean you can't describe any? A. I can't --4 Do you see that? 4 5 5 Q. Okay. A. Yes. 6 Q. Okay. Looking at Exhibits 7 and 8 that you 6 A. -- describe any. 7 reviewed, did the City conduct any training? 7 Q. We're going to go ahead and move on to topic 8 MS. SULLIVAN: This is that one. 8 No. 3, Ms. Andrews. Okay. Topic No. 3 is -- you can find 9 THE WITNESS: Okay. 9 on Page 14 of 21. Okay. 10 (BY MR. RUIZ) Did the City conduct any training 10 And on Page 14 of 21, topic 3 is OIG 11 of firefighters at Station 54 in response to OIG's 11 10-311, Defendant's response, recommendations, 12 09-407's findings or investigative synopsis? 12 disciplinary actions, corrective measures, or any other 13 A. Not to my knowledge. action, taken as a result of the findings issued with respect to OIG 10-311 (HOU5671 through 5705). Q. I want to turn now to topic 2(e), and topic 2(e) 15 you can find on Page 12 of 21, and topic 2(e) is 15 Do you see that? 16 Defendant's efforts to prevent reoccurrence of actions 16 A. Yes, I do. 17 complained of, including but not limited to the racial and 17 Q. Okay. And if you turn to Page 15 of the City's 18 gender slurs written in the women's dormitory at Fire 18 designations, which is Exhibit 2, you can please review 19 Station 54. subtopic 2(c), which is training of firefighters at Fire 20 Do you see that? Station 54 conducted in response to OIG 09-424's findings 21 A. I do. 21 and investigative synopsis. 22 22 Q. Now, after OIG's 407's investigation was Do you see that? 23 23 completed and OIG 09-407's investigative synopsis -- and A. Yes, I do. 24 investigative synopsis was issued, were any efforts made 24 Q. Ms. Andrews, I'm going to hand you what's 25 Exhibit 9, okay, and Exhibit 9 was marked yesterday. 25 to prevent the reoccurrence of the actions complained of Page 34 Page 36 It is HOU0005671 through HOU00002834. 1 in 09-407? A. Not to my knowledge. 2 Okay. After you do, I'm going to ask you about your 2 Q. What efforts have, if any -- Let me back up. 3 familiarity with this document. 4 Let me strike that. 4 (Witness reviewing document) Without limitation as to time, as in after Q. (BY MR. RUIZ) Are you -- Have you had a chance 6 the issuance of those -- this synopsis and findings for 6 to review the document, Ms. Andrews? 7 OIG No. 09-407, what efforts has the City taken to prevent A. I have. 7 8 the reoccurrence of events described or made the basis of 8 Q. Are you familiar with this document? 09-407? 9 9 A. No, I am not. MS. SULLIVAN: Objection. 10 10 Q. Have you ever seen it before? 11 A. It sounds like you're asking me --11 A. No, I have not. 12 MS. SULLIVAN: Objection. Confusing. But 12 Q. Okay. Now, are you aware of any training that 13 go ahead. 13 the City conducted of firefighters at Station 54 in 14 A. It sounds like you're asking me the same 14 response to OIG's 10-311 investigative summary, that 15 question I just answered, and that would be not to my 15 document in front of you which is Exhibit 9?

16 knowledge.

17 Q. (BY MR. RUIZ) Since this -- since the issuance

18 up until today, you know of no efforts that have been

19 taken to prevent the reoccurrence of those events

20 described in 09-407. Is that correct?

21 A. Ask that question again.

22 Q. From the issuance of the synopsis and the

23 findings all the way through today, you can't describe any

24 actions or efforts taken by the City to prevent the

25 reoccurrence of the actions described or made the basis of

16 A. No, I'm not.

17 MR. RUIZ: Let's take a short break.

MS. SULLIVAN: Okay.

19 (Recess from 10:55:14 a.m. to 11:11:10

20 a.m.)

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21 Q. (BY MR. RUIZ) Ms. Andrews, before we stopped

22 for the break, we were covering topic 3, and I want to

23 turn your attention now to subtopic 3(e).

24 You can find it on Page 16 of the City's 25 designations, which is Exhibit 2. At the bottom of



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1 Page 16, topic 3(e) is the Defendant's efforts to prevent

- 2 reoccurrence of actions complained of in OIG 10-311
- 3 (HOU5671 through 5705).
- 4 Do you see that?
- 5 A. Yes.
- 6 Q. Ms. Andrews, after OIG 10-311 was completed,
- 7 were any efforts taken to prevent reoccurrence of the
- 8 actions complained of in OIG 10-311?
- 9 A. Not to my knowledge, no.
- 10 Q. Ms. Andrews, I want you -- I want to turn your
- 11 attention to topic 4, and you can find topic 4 on Page 18
- 12 of Exhibit 2.
- 13 A. Okay.
- 14 Q. It's Page 18 of 21 and topic 4 is: "Thompson &
- 15 Horton, LLP and Lemond & Lemond, LLC HFD Assessment
- 16 (HOU2259 through 2318) Defendant's request for
- 17 assessment, review, response implementation, or any other
- 18 action taken in response to the assessment of the
- 19 effectiveness of HFD's policies, practices, and training
- 20 related to workplace harassment and discrimination."
- 21 Do you see that?
- 22 A. Yes, I do.
- 23 Q. Okay. Now, we have previously marked
- 24 Exhibit 13, I think, and I'm going to ask you some
- 25 questions about Exhibit 13. Okay.
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- 1 Are you familiar with Exhibit 13?
- 2 A. Yes.
- 3 Q. Okay. What is Exhibit 13?
- 4 A. It is the Houston Fire Department's Assessment
- 5 Executive Summary by Thompson & Horton.
- 6 Q. Is it the -- Is the document what is described
- 7 in topic 4 Thompson & Horton, L.L.P.'s and Lemon & Lemon,
- 8 L.L.C.'s HFD assessment?
- 9 A. Yes.
- 10 Q. Is that what it is?
- 11 A. Yes.
- 12 Q. And how are you familiar with it?
- 13 A. I received a copy of it.
- 14 Q. When did you receive a copy of it?
- 15 A. Gee, I guess shortly after it was completed.
- 16 This is '09. Possibly sometime in '010, 2010.
- 17 Q. Thank you very much.
- 18 Would you please refer to topic 4(d), which
- 19 can be found on Page 19 of the City's responses and
- 20 designations?
- 21 A. (Witness complies).
- 22 Q. 4(d) is training of firefighters at Fire
- 23 Station 54 conducted in response to the assessment HOU2259
- 24 through 2318.
- 25 Do you see that, Ms. Andrews?

- 1 A. I do.
- 2 Q. And do you see that the City has designated you

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- 3 to answer questions about training of firefighters at Fire
- 4 Station 54?
- 5 A. Yes.
- 6 Q. Now, did the City conduct any training of
- 7 firefighters at Fire Station 54 in response to Exhibit 13?
- 8 A. Well, we conducted training, but not just for
- 9 Station 54. I guess my answer would be yes.
- 10 Q. Okay.
- 11 The training that you are describing or
- 12 that you -- that you said was conducted, when was it
- 13 conducted?
- 14 A. I think this began in January of 2010.
- 15 Q. Did it continue after January 2010?
- 16 A. Yes. We had face-to-face training for -- I
- 17 think it lasted only two years, two-and-a-half years, to
- 18 get to everyone.
- 19 Q. What was the format of the training?
- 20 A. That -- There was a handout. I can't recall if
- 21 there was a PowerPoint presentation. I think at this
- 22 point, there was a handout that was used in the training.
- 23 Q. Okay. Was the format -- When I'm asking about
- 24 the format, was it -- was it live training, with a live
- 25 presenter?
- 1 A. Oh, it was face-to-face training.
- 2 Q. Was it -- The face-to-face training, what --
- 3 what was the size of the groups that were being trained at
- 4 one time?
- 5 A. I guess it varied, depending on which district
- 6 we were dealing with at the time. It could be anywhere
- 7 from 15 to 30 individuals.
- 8 Q. I want to ask you about the phrase. When you
- 9 say "face-to-face training", that means -- Does that mean
- 10 there was a live presenter?
- 11 A. Yes. We went out to the stations.
- 12 Q. Okay. Did you yourself participate in the
- 13 training?
- 14 A. Yes, I did.
- 15 Q. So when you say that, "We went out to the
- 16 stations," who is "we"?
- 17 A. The training was initially started by City HR
- 18 and I was privy to observe them for a few months or so
- 19 before I became active in the training myself.
- 20 Q. Is City HR, does that actually mean the City's
- 21 HR Department or is that the City HR Company?
- 22 A. That is the City's HR Department.
- 23 Q. So it was the City's Human Resources Department
- 24 that was putting on the training?
- 25 A. Yes.



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1 Q. Do you remember the names of individuals in the

2 City's HR who, other than yourself, that was putting on

3 the training?

4 A. There were two I recall. There was Kelly

5 Shreck. I think she was a manager at the time, and then

6 Juan Padilla worked for her. He was a trainer as well.

7 Q. Okay.

8 At the time that the -- Ms. Shreck and

9 Mr. Padilla were conducting the training, what were their

10 positions with the City?

11 A. Oh, their official classifications?

12 Q. Yes, ma'am.

13 A. I -- I'm not certain of that. I know Ms. Shreck

14 was a manager. What kind of manager, I'm not sure. And

15 Mr. Padilla was a trainer, if I recall.

16 Q. In the organizational chart of the Human

17 Resources Department, would they -- were -- Would they

18 be -- Would Ms. Shreck be a lateral position to you, as a

19 manager?

20 A. Yes.

21 Q. She would be a lateral position.

22 A. Hold on. Yes, yes.

23 Q. She didn't report to you?

24 A. No, she did not report to me.

25 Q. How about Mr. Padilla?

Page 43 1 "EEOC, Understanding Your Rights and Responsibilities" is

2 about?

3 A. I think it primarily covered Title VII,

4 discrimination, age discrimination, retaliation.

5 Q. Is there anything else that that topic covered?

6 A. Sexual harassment.

7 Q. Were any other topics that that -- or any other

8 content that that topic covered?

9 A. Those are the ones that I can recall.

10 Q. Now, had the City provided training on that

11 prior to January of 2010?

12 A. Not to my knowledge.

13 Now, you're asking about City HR, so I

14 can't answer that definitively, other than not to my

15 knowledge. They are separate from Human -- separate from

16 the Fire Department, is what I'm saying.

17 Q. Okay. I'm sorry.

18 Do you know if either the Fire Department

19 or City HR ever provided personnel in the Fire Department

20 with the "EEOC, Understanding Your Rights and

21 Responsibilities" training prior to January of 2010?

22 A. Not to my knowledge.

23 Q. Ms. Andrews, I want to make sure I understand

24 the distinction between City HR and the Fire Department.

You work for the Human Resources Department

A. No. Mr. Padilla reported directly to Kelly

2 Shreck.

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Q. What topics were presented with respect to this

4 training that you're describing?

5 A. I think the -- the training was "EEOC,

6 Understanding Your Rights and Responsibilities".

7 Q. Were there any other topics that were presented?

8 A. I think we also talked about the process of

9 filing a complaint as a part of the training, and there

10 were also training scenarios.

11 Q. Do you remember -- I'm sorry.

12 Do you remember any other topics that were

13 presented?

14 A. No.

15 Q. Okay. Three topics that you have identified

16 that were presented were EEOC, Understanding Your Rights

17 and Responsibilities. Is that correct?

18 A. Yes.

19 Q. The process of filing complaints. Is that

20 correct?

21 A. Yes.

22 Q. And training scenarios. Is that correct?

23 A. Yes.

24 Q. Okay.

25 Will you please tell me what the topic

1 for the Fire Department. Right?

2 A. Yes.

25

3 Q. And the distinction, if I understand it, that

4 you were drawing was that this was put on by the City's

5 Human Resources Department?

6 A. Yes.

7 Q. Ms. Shreck and Mr. Padilla, did they work for

8 City HR?

9 A. Yes.

10 Q. So they were not -- I mean, they may have done

11 Human Resource work, but they weren't specifically

12 assigned to the Houston Fire Department?

13 A. No, they were not.

14 Q. But you were?

15 A. Yes.

16 Q. Thank you.

Now, during the time period that the

18 training was being conducted, I believe you said that it

19 was a period of over two years. Is --

20 A. Yes --

21 Q. -- that correct?

22 A. -- if I recall correctly.

23 Q. Okay. Did you present the -- the topic "EEOC,

24 Understanding Your Rights and Responsibilities" yourself?

25 A. Yes.



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Page 45 Page 47 Q. And did you present on the topic of process of

- 2 filing a complaint?
- 3 A. Yes.
- Q. And did you present on different training
- 5 scenarios?
- 6 A. Yes.
- 7 Q. Okay.
- 8 The second topic that you -- that you
- mentioned was the process of filing a complaint. Can you
- 10 describe what that training was about?
- 11 A. Basically, if I recall correctly, it was about
- 12 the various options to file a complaint, City, State or
- 13 Federal, or Ol- -- Well, Houston Fire Department, OIG,
- 14 State, Federal.
- 15 Q. You say it was applied to the various different
- 16 options, City, State or Federal. Is that what you said?
- 17
- Q. And then you also stated City HFD. Is that 18
- 19 correct?
- 20 A. Yes.
- 21 Q. OIG, and you also said State and Federal. Is
- 22 that --
- 23 A. Yes.
- 24 Q. -- correct?
- 25 Well, what was the purpose of the

- Q. Ms. Andrews, I want to go back to the second
- 2 topic that you said that you were trained on, the process
- 3 of filing a complaint.
- A. Uh-hm.
- 5 Q. Yes. Had that training been provided before --
- 6 A. Not to my knowledge.
- 7 Q. -- either by the City or the Houston Fire
- 8 Department?
 - A. Here again, not to my knowledge.
- 10 Q. The training sessions that you refer to that
- 11 were presented as part of the training, can you tell me
- 12 what the training scenarios are or just describe briefly
- 13 what you are referring to when you say "training
- 14 scenarios"?
- 15 A. Hmm, I can only recall one in particular,
- whereby a female officer was being inappropriate with a
- 17 newly-hired firefighter, and that was relating to sexual
- 18 harassment.
- 19 I can't recall the others. I think there
- 20 were two or three others. I can't recall specifically
- what those were.
- 22 Q. Okay. So "scenario" is like -- Let me see if I
- 23 can -- if I understand it.
- 24 Is this scenario a training tool where you
- 25 give the persons being trained, like, a situation that

- 1 instruction on process -- on the process of filing a
- 2 complaint?
- A. I'm sorry?
- Q. Just -- Would you just describe the training
- 5 that was provided with respect to the process of filing a
- 6 complaint?
- 7 A. We discussed Title VII issues as far as
- 8 discrimination, the topics I mentioned earlier, and if
- 9 individuals felt they were being impacted in these areas,
- 10 the remedy for addressing those issues. So therein came
- 11 the process for filing complaints.
- 12 Q. Okay.
- 13 Was attendance at these training sessions
- 14 provided between January of 2010 and two years later, was
- 15 it optional or required?
- 16 A. It was mandatory.
- Q. Did the City, in some way, or did the City or 17
- 18 the Fire Department, in some way track who had attended
- 19 this mandatory training?
- 20 A. Yes, we did.
- 21 Q. How did you -- How did the City or the Fire
- 22 Department track how a person attended mandatory training?
- A. There were sign-in sheets with employee numbers
- 24 attached and this information was then entered into an HFD
- 25 training database at the time.

- Page 48 1 they may come across and you, like, identify what's going
- 2 on and train them on what they should do and what they
- 3 should not do? Is that what you mean by "training
- 4 scenario"?
- A. Yes, I do.
- Q. Okay. To your knowledge, had the -- had City HR
- 7 or the HFD provided training scenarios -- Well, let me 8 back up.
- 9 These training scenarios, did they cover
- 10 Title VII or instances that would implicate Title VII?
- 11 A. Yes.
- 12 Q. And had the City or the Houston Fire Department
- 13 used these training scenarios before the assessment was
- 14 administered and distributed to train Houston Fire
- 15 Department personnel before?
- 16 Not to my knowledge.
- 17 Q. Ms. Andrews, the training that you described
- 18 that has been conducted in response to the assessment
- 19 which is Exhibit 13, has that continued beyond that 2010
- 20 to, you know, two-year time frame afterwards?
- 21 A. Yes, it has.
- 22 Q. Is it still the same format?
- 23 A. It's taken different formats.
- 24 Q. Is it still being con- -- Is it still the City's
- 25 or the Houston Fire Department's practice to conduct it



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1 today?

- 2 Α. Yes.
- 3 Q. What's the current format of the training that
- 4 is provided?
- A. We provide newly-promoted officers training for
- 6 our new officers. We have also just completed a biannual
- 7 training department-wide.
 - Q. I'm sorry. What was that called?
- Biannual training on sexual harassment and 10 retaliation. We also train our cadets on Executive Order
- 11 1-50.
- 12 Q. Is there any other training that you can recall
- 13 that the City is doing today?
- A. There have been times when I might get a call
- 15 from a Chief or someone who may be having an issue with
- 16 their group and they will ask me to put together something
- 17 specific for that area, to address those issues.
- 18 Q. When you say for a group, like, for a specific
- 19 station?
- 20 A. Or a division --
- 21 Q. Okay.
- 22 A. -- and/or station.
- 23 Q. The -- the training that is -- I want to go
- 24 through the different types of training that you have
- 25 described here, the newly-promoted officer's training, the

- 1 Go ahead and answer.
- 2 A. I can tell you when I started participating.
- 3 That would have been in late 2013-'14.
- 4 Q. (BY MR. RUIZ) Do you know when newly-promoted
- 5 officer training started being -- Well, okay.
- 6 Let me ask you this: Is newly-promoted
- officer training required of all newly-promoted officers?
- A. We do provide that, yes. 8
- 9 Q. It's required --
- 10 A. Yes.
- Q. -- of newly-promoted officers? 11
- 12 Yes.
- 13 Q. How long has it been required of newly-promoted
- 14 officers?
- 15 A. Here again, to my knowledge, I got involved
- 16 probably in 2013, if not '14.
- 17 MR. CAPODICE: Objection. Nonresponsive.
- 18 Q. (BY MR. RUIZ) Do you know when it was first
- 19 required of newly-promoted officers?
- 20 A. No, I do not.
- 21 Q. Ms. Andrews, do you know who would know when
- 22 newly-promoted officer training was first required of
- 23 newly-promoted officers?
- 24 A. Hmm, I don't know if I can pinpoint anyone in
- 25 particular.
- Page 50 1 biannual training and the -- the -- I think you said
- 2 Executive Order 1-50 training for cadets. Is that right?
- A. Yes.
- Q. And I want to go through those so I can
- 5 understand exactly what those are.
- 6 A. Okay.
- 7 Q. The newly-promoted officer training, would you
- 8 please describe that training to me --
- 9 A. Uhm --
- Q. -- as it relates to Title VII employment 10
- 11 discrimination issues?
- A. Well, here again, we use Executive Order 1-50, 12
- 13 the Mayor's policy on discrimination or retaliation as a
- 14 part of that training.
- 15 We also talk about documentation, the
- 16 process for documenting instances that occur, and we also
- 17 use, again here, training scenarios on what the
- 18 newly-promoted officers may encounter as new officers in
- 19 their stations.
- 20 Q. Can you recall anything else that it covers?
- 21 A. That's about three hours, so that takes about
- 22 three hours to get all that done.
- 23 Q. When was newly-promoted officer training
- 24 initiated?
- 25 MS. SULLIVAN: Objection. Vague.

- Q. You don't?
 - 2 A. No. I -- To be specific, I can't tell you who
 - would know specifically. 3
 - 4 Q. Okay. Thank you.
 - 5 You also mentioned that there was biannual
 - 6 training that was provided.
 - 7 A. Yes.
 - Q. Would you please describe the biannual training
 - 9 that's provided?
 - 10 A. The biannual training began -- I was asked by my
 - 11 Executive Chief to create, here again, another PowerPoint
 - 12 presentation to address the issue of sexual
 - 13 harassment/retaliation, and we began this training on --
 - 14 in August of last year and we are still doing some
 - 15 training on that issue.
 - 16 Q. Okay. You said you were asked by your Executive
 - 17 Chief?
 - 18 A. My Executive Fire Chief, yes.
 - 19 Q. Who is that?
 - 20 A. Rodney West.
 - 21 Q. And you reference a date, August of 2018. Is
 - 22 that -- or you said August of last year?
 - 23 Yes.
 - 24 Q. That would be August of 2018?
 - 25 A. August of 2018.



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Q. Is that when he asked you or is that when the

2 biannual training began?

A. That's when the training actually began.

Q. And that training addresses sexual harassment

5 and retaliation. Is that correct?

A. Yes.

7 Q. Who chose the topics that the biannual training

8 should cover?

A. I'm not sure. I -- And the reason I say that is 10 that was not the only topic covered in the biannual

11 training.

12 Q. Okay. What other topics does it cover?

13 A. Oh, boy.

14 Q. You know what? Let's narrow it down.

15 What other topics does it cover with

16 respect to Title VII and employment discrimination?

17 A. That would have been my piece and that's the

18 only section that would have addressed that.

19 Q. So you personally addressed the sexual

20 harassment and retaliation component of that training?

21 A. Yes.

1 it?

22 Q. Do you know if any -- do you know if any other

23 Title VII or employment discrimination issues are

24 addressed during that training, even if it's not you

25 that's the actual Human Resource professional that's doing

Page 55 1 employee's payroll number, and we enter that into our

2 training system on our side, Talent Management, and I

3 think it's also entered on the fire training database as

4 well.

5 Q. So there is an electronic system capable of, I

6 guess -- Let me back up.

7 If you wanted to understand or know whether

8 a specific person actually took the required training,

9 what would you do?

10 A. We could run a report to determine that.

11 Q. When you said it was a classroom setting --

12 A. Yes.

13 Q. -- do attendees actually go to a -- a specific

14 area to take the training?

15 A. Yes. All the training was conducted at the

16 Val Jahnke Training Facility.

17 Q. I'm sorry. Would you pronounce the name of that

18 place again?

19 A. HFD's training facility --

20

21 A. -- also known as Val Jahnke, J-A-H-N-K-E,

22 Training Facility.

23 Q. Thank you.

24 And the other ongoing training that you

25 mentioned was training for cadets on EO 1-50. Do you

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2 A. No, I do not know.

Q. Do you know that there are -- Are there any

4 other Title VII or employment discrimination issues that

5 are addressed during that training?

6 A. Not to my knowledge no.

7 Q. Okay. Who is required to attend biannual --

8 this biannual training?

9 A. Everyone in the Houston Fire Department.

10 Q. Is that sworn-in and non-sworn personnel?

11 A. Yes.

12 Q. Okay. What is the format of the training?

13 A. Classroom participation, classroom setting,

14 PowerPoint presentation, handouts, class participation,

15 training scenarios.

16 Q. I'm sorry if I asked you this question already

17 with respect to this, but is it man- -- it's mandatory for

18 everyone in HFD?

19 A. Yes, that was also mandatory training.

Q. How is a -- An employee's participation in this 20

21 training, is it tracked?

22 A. It is tracked.

23 Q. How is it tracked?

A. It's actually twofold. On the HR side, we

25 gather the -- an acknowledgment form, here again, with the

1 remember that?

2 A. Yes.

3 Q. What is EO 1-50?

A. That's the Mayor's policy on workplace

5 discrimination, retaliation, sexual harassment.

Q. When was that put into effect?

A. I believe 20- -- I'm sorry. Which question are

8 you -- What was --

Q. I'm sorry. When was EO 1-50 put into effect?

10 A. I think that was 2010.

11 Q. Okay.

12 A. Mayor Annise Parker.

13 Q. Okay. And training on -- I believe you said

14 training on EO 1-50 is administered to cadets. Is that

15 correct?

16 A. Yes, it is.

17 Q. How long has it been administered to cadets?

18 A. I can tell you when I started participating. I

19 started participating probably in 2013.

20 MR. CAPODICE: Objection. Nonresponsive.

21 Q. (BY MR. RUIZ) Do you know if it was

22 administered to -- if training on EO 1-50 was administered

23 to the cadets prior to 2013?

24 A. Not to my knowledge.

MR. CAPODICE: Objection. Nonresponsive.

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MS. SULLIVAN: I'm going to also object as

2 it being outside the scope of the 30(b)(6) designation.

- 3 Q. (BY MR. RUIZ) We were talking about the
- 4 Houston -- the assessment, and I asked you what training
- 5 was provided in response to the assessment. Is that
- 6 correct?
- 7 A. Yes.
- 8 Q. And you stated that the training with respect to
- 9 the assessment's ongoing, but it's been modified over the
- 10 years. Right?
- 11 A. Yes.
- 12 Q. Okay. And you have described the training on
- 13 EO 1-50 as one of the modifications. Is that correct?
- 14 MS. SULLIVAN: You can go ahead and answer
- 15 it.
- 16 A. A modification?
- 17 Q. (BY MR. RUIZ) Or it's just evolved. It's
- 18 changed over the years, the training that's been provided?
- 19 A. Yes.
- 20 Q. Okay. So is this one of the different formats
- 21 that you have testified as the training -- Excuse me.
- 22 Is it your testimony that the EO 1-50
- 23 training that's administered to cadets is a response to
- 24 the Houston assessment?
- 25 MS. SULLIVAN: Objection. Vague as to

- 1 A. That is correct.
- 2 Q. Do you know specifically what her title is?
- 3 A. I think she was promoted to a division manager

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- 4 position. I couldn't tell you how long ago.
- 5 Q. Do you know who Matthew Russell is?
- 6 A. Yes.
- 7 Q. Who is Matthew Russell?
- 8 A. Matthew Russell also reported to Kelly Shreck,
- 9 as one of her trainers.
- 10 Q. And Mr. Padilla, I believe you testified that he
- 11 was also one of the trainers below Ms. Shreck?
- 12 A. Yes.
- 13 Q. Ms. Andrews, I'm going to turn now to topic
- 14 4(f). Okay. 4(f), if you look at Exhibit 2, 4(f) is on
- 15 Page 19 of 21.
- 16 A. Okay.
- 17 Q. Okay. And topic 4(f) is Defendant's efforts to
- 18 implement the recommendations identified in the Assessment
- 19 HOU2259 through 2318, which is Exhibit 13. Okay?
- 20 A. Okay.
- 21 Q. I want you to turn to -- in doc- -- in
- 22 Exhibit 13, I want you to turn to HOU0002261.
- 23 A. (Witness complies).
- Q. Now, do you see in that assessment on that page,
- 25 there is a, in bold, top of the page, is "Key

- 1 time.
- 2 You can go ahead and answer.
- 3 A. I can't say it's specifically tied to this
- 4 assessment.
- 5 Q. (BY MR. RUIZ) You can't say whether it was done
- 6 in response to the Houston assessment?
- 7 A. No, I cannot.
- 8 Q. Okay. Thanks.
- 9 The same question for the other two
- 10 trainings that we have been discussing, the newly -- The
- 11 newly-promoted officer training, was that in response to
- 12 the -- to Exhibit 13?
- 13 A. I don't know.
- 14 Q. Okay. And do you know if the biannual training
- 15 that you have -- we have discussed previously, was that
- 16 done in response to Exhibit 13?
- 17 A. I don't know that either.
- 18 Q. Ms. Andrews, earlier, you mentioned a Ms. Shreck
- 19 that works for the City HR. Is that right?
- 20 A. Yes.
- 21 Q. Do you know if she's still with the City's HR
- 22 Department?
- 23 A. She is, yes.
- 24 Q. And I know that you mentioned that she held a
- 25 management position. Is that correct?

- 1 Recommendations"?
- 2 A. Yes.
- 3 Q. I'm going to ask you about these different
- 4 recommendations, okay, and I want to know what efforts the
- 5 City took to implement the recommendations on this page
- 6 and going through the next two pages. Okay.
- 7 If you like, you can go ahead and take a
- 8 moment to review the recommendations and we can continue
- 9 when you're ready.
- 10 (Witness reviewing document)
- 11 Q. Ms. Andrews -- I'm sorry -- I didn't mean to
- 12 disturb you while you were reading.
- 13 The City's actually designated two persons
- 14 for this, okay, yourself and Fire Marshal Michelle McLeod.
- 15 So there may be some recommendations that you know of or
- 16 that you understand what efforts the City has taken and
- 17 there may be some that you don't, and for those, we can
- 18 ask Fire Marshal Michelle McLeod.
- 19 A. Okay.
- 20 Q. And you just tell me which ones you're able to
- 21 address and we'll cover those and we'll remain -- we'll
- 22 leave the rest to Fire Marshal Michelle McLeod.
- 23 A. Okay. I can address (d); I can attempt to
- 24 address (a); (e). Those are the ones I feel comfortable 25 addressing.



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Q. Okay. Thank you. Okay.

- 2 The Key Recommendations, we'll start with
- 3 (a), okay, and (a) is Leadership Commitment. It's on
- 4 Page HOU0002261, and it is: "City and HFD leaders must
- 5 continue to build upon actions that demonstrate that
- 6 harassment and discrimination will not be tolerated and
- 7 that this commitment is a vital part of and not incidental
- 8 to HFD's mission."
- 9 Did I read that correctly?
- 10 A. Yes.
- Q. Now, will you please describe the efforts that 11
- 12 the City has taken to implement that recommendation?
- 13 A. I think this would certainly be tied to the
- 14 newly-promoted officers training as far as preparing new
- 15 officers to move into a position of management. We have
- 16 also done some training for Command Staff as well on
- 17 leadership.
- 18 MR. CAPODICE: Objection. Nonresponsive.
- 19 Q. (BY MR. RUIZ) When you say you think it's the
- 20 newly-promoted officer training, do you know if that
- newly-promoted officer training was initiated specifically
- 22 in connection with this key recommendation?
- A. Do I know specifically, no. 23
- 24 Q. And I have the same question for the training on 25 the Command Staff.

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- 1 Do you know whether it was specifically
- 2 initiated in response to this key recommendation letter
- 3 (a)?
- 4 A. Specifically, no.
- 5 Q. Do you know any specific efforts that the City
- 6 has taken to implement the Leadership Commitment
- 7 recommendation in Exhibit 13?
- A. Would you ask me that one more time, please?
- Q. Do you know what efforts specifically were taken
- 10 by the City in connection with the key recommendation
- 11 described in letter (a)?
- A. You're asking me to be specific? 12
- Q. If you know specifically what efforts were taken
- 14 by the City to implement the Leadership Commitment
- 15 recommendation in Exhibit 13.
- 16 A. I felt comfortable in stating the newly-promoted
- 17 officers training. However, you asked me another question
- 18 that gave me pause on that, so I'm not sure how to answer
- 19 that.
- 20 Q. I know that the City has implemented this
- 21 newly-promoted officer training you described.
- 22 What I want to know is if -- what actions
- 23 were taken by the City specifically to implement the
- 24 recommendations in this document?
- 25 A. I feel more comfortable leaving that to Chief

1 McLeod.

2 Q. Okay. Is that for all of these recommendations

A. For that one, improvement training, I can

- 5 answer. Well, it depends on the question. I'll say that.
- 6 Q. Okay.
- 7 A. But that, I would leave to her, as well as the 8 policies.
- 9 Q. Okay.
- 10 So for letter (a), Leadership Commitment,
- 11 it's my understanding you can't describe what efforts were
- 12 taken specifically, what specific efforts were taken by
- 13 the City to implement the recommendation described in
- 14 letter (a). Is that correct?
- 15 A. Definitively, no.
- 16 Q. But you do feel comfortable describing the
- 17 efforts specifically taken by the City for letter (d). Is
- 18 that correct?
- 19 A. Yes.
- 20 Q. What efforts were taken by the City to implement
- 21 the recommendation in D, improve training?
- 22 A. Well, here again, basically, what I have already
- 23 discussed, which was the face-to-face training, which was
- 24 conducted over a two-year period, on understanding your
- 25 rights; also the biannual training, which we are

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- 1 continuing with today; the training of our cadets as they 2 come in to the Fire Department. Complaints, I can't
- address that.
- 4 Q. So, looking at letter D, those three that you
- 5 mentioned, the new-officer training, cadet training and
- 6 the biannual training, your understanding is those relate
- 7 to D(1). Is that correct?
- A. D(1), D(2). D(3), I can't answer that.
- 9 Q. With respect to the actions that you're
- 10 describing that relate to D(1) and D(2), is it your
- understanding that those were taken specifically in
- 12 response to the recommendation made here in the
- 13 assessment?
- 14 A. Yes.
- 15 Q. Ms. Andrews, do you -- Is it documented that the
- 16 training that you're describing is in response to the
- 17 assessment, Exhibit 13?
- 18 A. I don't know if it's documented or not.
- 19 Q. We'll move on to key recommendation (e), Provide
- 20 Human Resources Support.
- 21 A. I'm not comfortable answering that one, because
- 22 it talks about employee complaint processes. I'm not
- 23 involved in that.
- 24 Q. Okay. All right. Okay.
- 25 You didn't identify any other key



Page 65 Page 67 1 recommendations --1 A. I am familiar with it, yes. 2 2 A. No. Q. How are you familiar with this one, Ms. Andrews? 3 Q. -- that you were able to provide testimony on. 3 A. This was one of the handouts we used in our 4 A. No. 4 newly-promoted officers training. 5 Q. Thank you very much. 5 Q. Are you familiar with it otherwise? 6 6 MR. RUIZ: Take a five-minute break. A. No. 7 (Recess from 12:03:48 p.m. to 12:20:30 7 Q. No. Okay. 8 8 Now, the Exhibit 11 is dated August of 1, 9 (BY MR. RUIZ) Ms. Andrews, I want to turn to 9 2005. Do you see that? 10 our final topic today. Okay. It's topic 5. 10 A. I do. 11 You can find topic 5 on Page 20 of 21 on 11 Q. When you say that it is one of the documents 12 Exhibit 2. Topic 5 is HFD complaint policy, dissemination 12 that's been handed out to newly-promoted officer --13 and training. Do you see that? 13 newly-promoted officer training, are you saying that there 14 A. Yes. 14 is a complaint policy that's addressed for that specific 15 Q. Topic 5 is broken down into two subtopics. 15 one that's dated that date that's handed out at that 16 Topic (a) is 8/1/2005 HOU2821 through 2826, Defendant's 16 training? 17 dissemination, training and implementation of this 17 MS. SULLIVAN: Objection. Confusing. 18 complaint policy, and then (b) is 8/1/2018 (HOU2831-2834, Go ahead and answer it. 18 19 Defendant's dissemination, training and implementation of 19 A. I -- Do you --20 this complaint policy. 20 Q. (BY MR. RUIZ) Okay. Let me rephrase it. 21 Do you see where I have read from? 21 That specific Exhibit 11 has a date on 22 22 it --A. I do. 23 23 Q. Okay. Now, the City has designated you to A. Uh-hm. 24 respond to this topic with respect to training only. 24 Q. -- August 1, 2005. 25 Okay? 25 Are you sure the one that's -- that you're Page 68 Page 66 1 A. Okay. 1 saying is handed out at the newly-promoted officer Q. The topic's about dissemination and training, 2 training, is that -- has that name? 3 but the topic that you have been designated by the City to A. No, I'm not sure of that. 3 4 talk to -- testify about is just about training. Okay? 4 Q. So it just may be a complaint policy? 5 THE WITNESS: I have a question for 5 A. Right. clarification. Can I ask that? 6 Q. But not necessarily that version? 6 7 MS. SULLIVAN: Well, let him have a 7 A. Not necessarily this version. 8 question --Q. I'm going to ask you questions about this 9 THE WITNESS: Okay. 9 version. Okay? 10 MS. SULLIVAN: -- and then if you need to 10 I know that there are -- Well, let me back 11 clarify based on his question, do that. 11 up. I'm going to hand you what is Exhibit 12. Okay? THE WITNESS: Okay. 12 Exhibit 12 is titled Houston Fire Department, Subject 12 13 MR. RUIZ: Thanks. 13 Complaints, okay, and at the bottom of that, it's dated 14 (BY MR. RUIZ) I'm going to hand you what was 14 August 1, 2018. 15 marked yesterday as Exhibit 11. Okay. 15 Would you please take a moment to review Exhibit 11 is Bates stamped HOU00002821 and 16 16 that? 17 it runs through HOU00002826. It's dated -- Houston Fire 17 (Witness reviewing document) 18 Department, Subject Complaint, and -- Well, it's titled 18 A. Okay. 19 that, and it's dated 8-1-05 at the bottom. Q. (BY MR. RUIZ) Okay. I'm going to ask you some 19 20 Would you please take a moment to review 20 questions, but these questions are specifically about 21 Exhibit 11, the complaint policy that is dated August 1, 21 that document, and I'm going to ask you questions about 22 it. 22 2005. Okay? 23 23 (Witness reviewing document) A. Okay. 24 24 A. Okay. Q. All right. 25 (BY MR. RUIZ) Are you familiar with Exhibit 11? 25 Now, when that complaint policy -- or let

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Page 69 1 me ask you this: What training has the City provided to

- 2 Houston Fire Department employees with respect to
- 3 Exhibit 11?
- A. I can't respond to that. I don't know of any
- 5 training specifically regarding this exhibit.
- Q. Exhibit 11?
- 7 A. Exhibit 11.
- 8 Q. Do you -- do you know when Exhibit 11 remained
- 9 in effect through?
- 10 A. (No audible response).
- 11 Q. The complaint policy, Exhibit 11, do you know
- 12 when it remained and effected through?
- 13 A. No, I can't answer that.
- 14 Q. Okay.
- 15 Do you know if training had ever been --
- 16 And we're sticking with Exhibit 11. Okay?
- 17 A. Okay.
- 18 Q. Do you know if training on that complaint policy
- 19 had ever been developed but not administered to Houston
- 20 Fire Department employees?
- 21 A. Do I know that?
- 22 Q. Yes. ma'am.
- 23 A. No.
- 24 Q. Okay.
- 25 Do you know if training, training on
- Page 70
- 1 Exhibit 11, the complaint policy, was ever planned and
- 2 not -- or planned to be delivered to Houston Fire
- 3 Department employees and not delivered?
- 4 A. No.
- Q. Now, Ms. Andrews, I want to make sure I
- 6 understand your answers and what you know and what you
- 7 don't know, or what you can testify to.
- Has training ever been conducted on
- 9 Exhibit 11? Has training ever been conducted for Houston
- 10 Fire Department sworn personnel on Exhibit 11?
- 11 A. If I'm understanding what you're asking me, are
- 12 you asking me if training has specifically been put into
- 13 place for this particular exhibit?
- 14 Q. Correct.
- 15 For Exhibit 11, I want to know if training
- 16 was ever conducted specifically on that, the complaint
- 17 policy described in Exhibit 11.
- A. As it -- I can answer that as it relates to 18
- 19 other training.
- 20 Q. Okay. Did the other training specifically cover
- 21 the complaint policy that is Exhibit 11?
- A. Yes. 22
- 23 Q. It did. Okay.
- 24 When did that training occur?
- 25 A. This is a part of our newly-promoted officers

- 1 training package. So that would have started, as I stated
- 2 earlier, in 2013 or '14.
- 3 Q. Okay. Now, I want to make sure that we're
- 4 absolutely clear. Okay.
- 5 This Exhibit 11 is dated August 1st, 2005
- 6 and it's different from the one dated August 1, 2018.
- 7 A. I see that.
- Q. So you're certain that the complaint policy
- 9 dated August 1, 2005 was part of the newly-promoted
- 10 officer training?
- 11 A. To the best of my ability, yes.
- Q. Do you know if it was -- Other than the 12
- 13 newly-promoted officer training, was it ever a part of any
- 14 other training before the newly-promoted officer training?
- 15 A. I don't know that.
- 16 Q. The date on this policy is August 1st, 2005, and
- 17 I'm referring to Exhibit 11.
- 18 A. Okay.
- 19 Q. Was training provided on this, on this policy in
- 20 2005, when it was put into effect?
- 21 A. I don't know that.
- 22 Q. Do you know if it was -- if training on this
- 23 policy was put into effect any time between 2005 and 2010?
- 24 A. I don't know that either.
- 25 Q. Okay. Do you know if any training on this

1 policy was put into place between 2010 and 2012?

- 2 A. I don't know that.
- Q. And do you know if any training on Exhibit 11
- 4 was put into place between August 12 -- or 2012 and 2015?
- A. Again, that goes back to my recollection of it
- 6 being used in the newly-promoted officers training.
- 7 Q. Which I believe you -- your recollection is it
- 8 started maybe around 2013?
- 9 A. Yes.
- 10 Q. Okay. Thank you.
- Have you made any efforts to determine when 11
- 12 training on this particular exhibit had been administered?
- 13 A. No.
- 14 Q. You testified that it has -- Exhibit 11 has been
- 15 a part of the newly-promoted officer training, and I
- 16 believe it's at least sometime in 2013. Is that correct?
- A. Yes. 17
- 18 Q. What type of training -- What are persons --
- 19 What have persons been trained with respect to -- or for
- 20 that new promoted -- newly-promoted officer training, what
- 21 were they trained on with respect to Exhibit 11?
- 22 A. This particular exhibit was trained on by Chief
- 23 McLeod. This was her area of expertise, so she was the
- 24 one who would take them through this particular process,
- 25 this particular policy.



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Page 73 Page 75 Q. Do you know what Chief McLeod would cover with

- 2 respect to this policy?
- A. I can't speak for her specifically, no.
- Q. Now, I want to switch to subtopic 5(b), which is
- 5 Defendant's dissemination, training and implementation of
- 6 this complaint policy, which is Exhibit 12. Okay?
- 7 A. Okay.
- Q. Exhibit 12 is also titled Houston Fire
- 9 Department, Subject Complaints, and it just has a
- 10 different date --
- 11 A. Right.
- 12 Q. -- at the bottom, August 1st, 2018. Do you see
- 13 that on Exhibit 12?
- 14 A. I do, yes.
- Q. Are you familiar with this exhibit? 15
- 16 A. No, I'm not.
- 17 Q. Okay.
- 18 Has training been provided by the Houston
- 19 Fire Department or the City to the Houston Fire Department
- 20 personnel on or with respect to Exhibit 12?
- 21 A. I don't know.
- Q. Do you know if training on Exhibit 12 has ever 22
- 23 been planned by the Houston Fire Department?
- 24 A. Has ever been planned? I don't know that
- 25 either.

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- Page 74 Q. For Exhibit 11, which is the complaint policy
- 2 dated August 1st, 2005, you identified Chief McLeod as the
- 3 person who would have expertise in that complaint policy.
- A. Yes --
- 5 Q. Is that correct?
- 6 A. -- that is correct.
- 7 Q. To your understanding, would that be the same
- 8 for Exhibit 12?
- A. Actually, I think Exhibit -- Exhibit 12 is now
- 10 under Chief Alfredo Martinez. He would probably be the
- 11 Chief to address that one, that Exhibit 12.
- Q. Okay. 12
- 13 And the Chief -- And the City has
- 14 identified Mr. Alfredo, or Chief Alfredo Martinez, with
- 15 respect to dissemination, but identified you with respect
- 16 to being able to testify about training on -- on
- 17 Exhibit 12.
- 18 Are you -- Have you made any efforts to
- 19 find out what training has been administered with respect
- 20 to Exhibit 12?
- 21 A. No.
- 22 MR. RUIZ: Ms. Andrews, for now, those are
- 23 the questions that I have. Thank you very much for
- 24 answering them. Okay?
- 25 THE WITNESS: Okay. Thank you.

- MR. RUIZ: Somebody else gets a chance to
- 2 ask a few follow-ups.
- 3 THE WITNESS: Oh, God. Okay.
- 4 **EXAMINATION**
- 5 BY MR. CAPODICE:
- Q. Hi, Ms. Andrews.
- 7 A. Hello.
- 8 Q. My name is Dwain Capodice. I represent
- 9 Ms. Draycott and Ms. Keyes in this matter. I just have a
- 10 couple of follow-up questions I want to make sure that
- 11 we're on the same wavelength on.
- 12 Earlier, you were asked the documents that
- 13 you had reviewed to prepare for your deposition. Do you
- 14 recall that question?
- 15 A. Yes.
- 16 Q. One of the things that you said you reviewed is
- 17 something that had questions for consideration, is what
- 18 you said, and I'm just kind of curious, like, what you saw
- 19 that was, like, questions for consideration.
- 20 A. It was something similar to this (indicating).
- 21 Q. Was it that exact document or were there
- 22 questions that were created that you may have to answer at
- 23 the deposition?
- 24 It was this document (indicating).
- 25 Q. Okay.
- Did you talk to Ms. Shreck at all in
- 2 advance of this deposition?
- A. No.
- 4 Q. Why not?
- 5 A. Why would I?
- 6 Q. Do you think she would have had information as
- 7 to the training that was conducted by this Fire Department
- 8 in response to any of the questions that you were asked
- 9 today that would have helped answer any of these
- 10 questions?
- 11 A. I wasn't responsible for gathering that
- 12 information.
- 13 Q. What role did Ms. Shreck have back in 2009-2010,
- 14 if you know?
- A. Again, Ms. Shreck's area was responsible for 15
- 16 creating the training document and implementing it and
- 17 then her staff also assisted in carrying out that
- 18 implementation.
- Q. And that's your current role, correct, or do I 19
- 20 have that wrong?
- 21 A. I'm sorry. What?
- 22 Q. Is that your current role with HR and the City?
- 23 A. My current role?
- 24 Did you replace Ms. Shreck?
- 25 A. No.



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Page 77 Page 79 Q. Would they -- I mean, why -- Would they have Q. Okay. 2 2 information in response to anything today, that you're A. We're in two different departments. 3 3 aware of? So Ms. Shreck created the training 4 4 They are both deceased. 5 materials that were used by your department to train 5 Q. But Ms. Shreck would know what information they 6 firefighters? would have, correct, as her manager? 7 A. Yes. 7 I mean, she's the one that would have 8 Q. Okay. You didn't think there was any 8 tasked them with doing things? information that she might have as to the training that MS. SULLIVAN: Objection. Calls for 9 10 was conducted in response to the assessment, asking her in 10 speculation. particular whether she created any materials in response 11 A. Here again, I can't speak for Ms. Shreck. (BY MR. CAPODICE) Okay. 12 to the assessment? 12 13 MS. SULLIVAN: Objection. That misstates 13 With regard to the training that was done 14 the facts and evidence and the testimony of this witness. 14 in response to any of these investigations, let me ask 15 You can go ahead and answer. 15 you, just generally, have you ever seen training being 16 A. I'm not following your question. 16 ordered in response to an OIG investigation? 17 Q. (BY MR. CAPODICE) Sure. 17 A. I have never been privy to that, no. 18 Obviously, you weren't tasked with creating Q. And, obviously, in your role, would you track 18 19 training materials after the assessment. Correct? 19 any training that would be responsive to a particular A. Right. 20 20 investigation? Q. Ms. Shreck was? 21 21 Like, is there a way in your system to 22 A. Yes. 22 track, you know, general training, annual/biannual Q. And so in terms of figuring out which materials 23 23 training, versus OIG-specific in response to an 24 were created in response to the assessment --24 investigation training? 25 MS. SULLIVAN: Thompson Horton assessment. 25 MS. SULLIVAN: Objection. Compound. Page 78 Page 80 1 MR. CAPODICE: Right. Go ahead and answer. 2 Q. (BY MR. CAPODICE) You know what I'm saying when A. I am not responsible for that. 2 3 I say "assessment". Don't you? 3 (BY MR. CAPODICE) Okay. You have reviewed A. Well, I'm --4 training records for individual employees. Correct? Q. The Exhibit 13 that we looked at earlier. I 5 A. Have I done what, again? 6 think is the correct number. 6 Q. In your job, you have reviewed training records A. Yes. 7 7 for individual employees? Q. And when answering questions about what training 8 A. Training records in regard to --9 was done in response to that assessment, you don't think 9 Q. In regard to HR training. 10 10 Ms. Shreck would have had any knowledge about that? A. Are you saying compiling information? 11 A. I can't speak for Ms. Shreck. 11 Q. No. I'm asking -- You're aware that the City 12 Q. I guess she would be the person that the City 12 tracks the training that they provide employees. Correct? 13 would have been tasked with creating training materials in 13 A. Yes. 14 response to that assessment, from your understanding? 14 Q. And, in that, they try to track the courses that 15 MS. SULLIVAN: Objection. 15 they take, including some of the courses that you talked 16 Misstates the facts and the evidence and about today, the biannual training and the face-to-face 17 the testimony of this witness. 17 training and things of that nature. Correct? 18 A. Again, I can't speak for Ms. Shreck. 18 A. Yes. Q. (BY MR. CAPODICE) Okay. And then I guess, Q. And they keep an individual record for each 19 19 20 obviously, we talked about Mr. Padilla, and who was the 20 employee of the training that they have taken? 21 other person that was the trainers? What was the other 21 A. Yes. 22 person's name? 22 Q. Okay. 23 23 A. The person was --Is there any way of tracking in those 24 Q. Russell? 24 personnel training records any training that was a A. -- Matt, Matt Russell. 25 response to an investigation?

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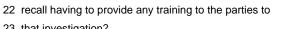
Filed on 11/18/19 in TXSD Page 22 of 38 Wanda Andrews 30(b)(6) Pagess 81..84 Page 81 Page 83 A. Not to my knowledge. 1 MR. CAPODICE: Let me take a quick break 2 Q. Okay. 2 and make sure that there is not anything else that we need 3 And then you also talked a little bit about 3 to go over. 4 ARFF, Station 54, not requesting any training specifically 4 (Recess from 12:46:23 p.m. to 12:48:57 5 5 that you're aware of. p.m.) 6 Were you aware of ARFF ever requesting --6 MR. CAPODICE: I'll pass the witness, 7 That these stations can request particular training. Were 7 subject to receiving the materials that Deidra said she's 8 you ever area of either Station 54 or ARFF requesting any 8 going to make sure and confirm with regard to the 9 training directly? 9 memorandum that we talked about earlier and any other 10 MS. SULLIVAN: Objection. Compound and 10 materials reviewed for the deposition. 11 misstates the testimony, but go ahead and answer. 11 MS. SULLIVAN: Okay. I just have a few 12 A. Ask me --12 follow-up questions. 13 Q. (BY MR. CAPODICE) I know it was a pretty 13 **EXAMINATION** 14 confusing question. Let me try to clear it up. 14 BY MS. SULLIVAN: 15 A. Yes. 15 Q. You were asked specifically as it relates to 16 Q. You testified a little bit earlier about you 16 training following the release of the findings and 17 performing training at a particular station if it was 17 investigative synopses for three investigations. 18 requested. 18 Do you recall that? 19 A. Yes. 19 A. Yes. 20 Q. Are you aware of Station 54 ever requesting 20 Q. Okay. Prior to the release of those, the 21 investigative findings and synopses, was -- was there 21 particular training? 22 A. Yes. 22 training on EEO-related topics? 23 Q. When? A. Yes. 23 24 A. God, 2000- -- sitting on my board. This is 24 Q. And, to your knowledge, was any training done 25 speculation. I -- I think in 2012 --25 specifically because of the three OIG investigations? Page 82 Page 84 1 Q. Okay. A. No. 2 A. -- 2013, somewhere in there. 2 Q. Okay. And, again, just to clarify, you were 3 Q. And do you recall what training you requested? 3 asked questions about training specific to Station 54. A. We went out for review on the Executive Order 4 Do you recall that? 5 1-50 training. 5 A Yes 6 6 Q. Okay. So they asked for additional follow-up on Q. Okay. And it was in conjunction with the three 7 1-50? OIG investigations that we have talked about. 8 Do you recall that? Q. Okay. What about ARFF? Any specific training 9 A. Yes. 10 requested in any one -- any of the stations in ARFF? 10 Q. Okay. Now, is it your testimony that the 11 A. Yes, we did the same thing there. 11 individuals at 54 received training but not specific to Q. And I guess, just so I'm clear, you know, that 12 those investigations? 12 13 was one of the things that you did after 1-50 was 13 MR. RUIZ: Objection. Leading. 14 implemented, right? 14 A. Yes. 15 You made sure you went to the each of the 15 MR. CAPODICE: I'm going to object to the 16 stations and had training on it. Correct? 16 extent it calls for speculation, no personal knowledge of A. Actually, the 1-50 training was online. 17 17 the training that was done. 18 18 Q. Okay. MS. SULLIVAN: Okay. 19 Q. (BY MS. SULLIVAN) After the release of the 19

A. But if we were requested to go to a station to 20 address an issue or do a refresh, then we would do that. 21 Q. Were there any particular issues or -- that they 22 were having at these stations that needed follow-up?

23 A. It could be anything, from issues between

24 employees.

25 Q. All right.



21 was not sustained, or even if it was sustained, do you

20 Thompson Horton assessment, if a complaint came back that

23 that investigation?

24 A. Yes.

25 Q. When did you start doing that?



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18 provided?

Page 85 A. That was under Chief McLeod, possibly 2012.

2 Q. And what was the nature of that training?

3 A. Basically, to -- before the individual was

4 returned to the station, to make sure that they were aware

5 of the executive orders that related to any type of 6 disciplinary actions.

7 Q. Now, I'm not sure if this was exactly clear.

8 We were talking about the newly-promoted

9 officer training. Do you recall that?

10 A. Yes.

11 Q. Okav.

12 Did the newly-promoted officer training

13 cover other topics besides EEO-related matters?

14 A. Yes.

Q. Is it your recollection -- Is it your

Q. Now, you were informed at the beginning of this 18

21 A. Yes.

22 Q. Okay.

25 assessment. Is that correct?

24 this process? 25

Page 86 1 definitively.

Q. How is it that you learned that Chief McLeod

22 person and go over that particular policy.

1 the Thompson Horton assessment.

5 couple of those questions?

A. Yes.

10 provided to. Okay.

15 want to say work per se.

Ms. Sullivan asked you questions about

3 training that occurs when a complaint comes back as either

Q. Okay. And it sounded like training was, like,

And I believe you testified that before a

A. Well, let me be clear. To the station. I don't

Q. Okay. When a complaint comes back as not

A. Under Chief McLeod, if there was a situation

where she felt the individual needed a refresh on

21 Executive Order 1-50, I would sit with that particular

Q. Okay. Is -- is there a written policy regarding

A. That's on Staff Services side. I can't answer

12 person was allowed -- an individual was allowed to return

8 provided to an individual but I did not hear, or I don't

9 think you identified what individuals training was

13 to work, they had to go through training. Correct?

17 sustained, is there some type of training that's now

4 sustained or not sustained. Do you remember that, a

3 wants you to provide training to a particular individual

4 in response to a sustained or not sustained OIG finding?

A. I would usually be brought in, given the folder

6 on what's -- what was discussed, what the issues were and

7 what the findings were at that point, and tailor the

8 training to address those particular issues, so I was

9 given that information by Staff Services.

10 Q. So Staff Services, let me -- I'm -- I want to

11 make sure I really understand this process. Okay.

12 So Staff Services brings you in when it

13 believes that training is necessary with respect to a

14 particular OIG investigation. Is that correct?

15 A. Yes.

16 Q. Okay. And when they bring you in, what is it

17 that they tell you?

A. Basically, I have an opportunity to review 18

19 whatever is in the folder --

20 Q. Okav.

21 A. -- the information, and then make a

22 determination as to what it is we need to talk about in

23 regard to Executive Order 1-50.

24 Q. So they present you with a folder and you're 25 asked to review the folder, and is it you that makes the

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16 understanding that it covered topics such as operations?

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19 deposition, and prior to, that you would be testifying to

20 specific topics. Do you recall that?

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You are not here to testify about EEO 23

24 training that occurred prior to the Thompson Horton

A. Yes.

3 (BY MS. SULLIVAN) Now, I recall your testimony

4 that the EEO Rights and Responsibilities training that

MR. RUIZ: Objection. Leading.

5 began in early 2010 initially was developed by Kelly

6 Shreck. Is that correct?

7 A. Yes.

Q. Okay. After the training with regard to EEO

9 Rights and Responsibilities, did you develop training

10 related to EEO issues?

11 A. Yes.

12 Q. Now, in the newly-promoted officer training,

13 your topic was EEO-related issues. Is that fair to say?

14 A. Yes, it is.

15 Q. And did you present with somebody else?

16 A. I did.

17 Q. And who was that?

18 A. That would have been Chief Michelle McLeod.

19 Q. So you were present at the time that she did

20 her -- her component of the training?

21 A. Yes.

22 MS. SULLIVAN: Okay. Pass the witness.

23 **FURTHER EXAMINATION**

24 BY MR. RUIZ:

25 Q. I want to ask you some questions that relate to

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Filed on 11/18/19 in TXSD Page 24 of 38 Wanda Andrews 30(b)(6) Pagess 89..92 Page 89 1 determination whether or not training or refresher 1 Q. Okay. Do you know who that particular person 2 is? 2 training is -- is required or appropriate? 3 A. No. Usually, if I receive a folder, it's 3 A. No. 4 already been determined by someone in Staff Services that 4 Q. Okay. Do you know if it's a particular group 5 the training is now required or being requested. 5 within Staff Services? Q. Okay. So you -- Staff Services is making a 6 A. No. 7 determination that training is not required? 7 Q. No. Okay. A. Required or not required. 8 8 Have they -- Has that group met with you to 9 Q. Oh, required or not required? 9 come up with a method of determining whether or not 10 A. Yes. 10 training is needed? Q. Okay. So do you -- do you receive folders where 11 A. No. 12 the -- where Staff Services has already determined that 12 Q. Okay. So is it that you only receive files that 13 training is not required? 13 some group or person within Staff Services has determined 14 A. No. 14 a need for training? 15 Q. No. You only receive those folders where Staff 15 A. Yes. 16 Services has determined that training is required? Q. Okay. 16 17 17 If that group or person within Staff 18 Q. Now, in those situations -- Well, let's cover 18 Services has not determined a need for training, do you 19 the not-required situations. 19 ever see that file? 20 Do you know who makes the determinations in 20 A. No. 21 Staff Services, who makes the determination that training Q. Okay. How long has that process been ongoing? 21 22 is not required with respect to an OIG investigation? 22 A. I think it started under Chief McLeod in 2012, 23 A. I guess I would have to go back to the Chiefs, 23 2013, somewhere in there. 24 whichever Chief is in -- over that area. 24 Q. Okay. And when those files come to you and 25 Q. Do you know who makes the determination either 25 there is a determination for a need for additional Page 90 Page 92 1 training, is the need for additional training always 1 way? A. (No audible response). 2 related to EEO 150, or do I have that number right? 2 3 Q. Do you know who in Staff Services makes the A. You got it right. Yes. 4 determination either way, whether training is required or 4 Q. Is there ever a recommendation for training 5 not required with respect to the conclusion of the 5 other than EO 1-50 that comes to you? 6 investigation? 6 A. That comes to me, no. A. Here again, that would have come with me, from 7 Q. For those -- those situations where there is a 7 8 Chief McLeod, her area, her group. 8 determination that somebody should be trained, is it Q. I'm sorry, Ms. Andrews. I'm trying to 9 generally who -- who would be offered the training? 10 A. Whichever member was involved in the process. 10 understand. 11 A. I think what you're asking me is, is she the 11 Q. Would that typically be the respondent in an OIG 12 one? I can't tell you definitively that she is the only 12 investigation? 13 one to make that determination. 13 A. Oh, that's a good question. I don't know. Q. I think maybe that I don't understand whether or 14 Q. You don't know. Okay. 15 not you're involved with the Staff Services determination 15 It could be anybody involved --16 or not. 16 A. It could be, yes. 17 A. I'm not. 17 Q. I'm sorry. Let me finish my question. 18 Q. You're not. Okay. 18 It could be anybody involved in the That file is sent to you by Staff Services. 19

19 investigation?

20 A. Yes.

21 Q. Okay. Meaning either the person that complained

22 or the person they complained about?

23 A. Yes.

24 Q. Okay.

25 Have you ever seen a recommendation where

A. Yes.

20 Is that correct?

A. Yes.

Q. And, at that point, someone has already

23 determined -- somebody in Staff Services has already 24 determined whether training is needed. Is that right?

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Page 93 Page 95 1 several persons were identified as probably appropriate 1 testimony with respect to the training that has been 2 administered on Exhibit 12. Is that correct? persons to go through refresher training? 3 MS. SULLIVAN: Objection. Vague. 3 A. Yes. 4 Q. Okav. 4 Go ahead and answer. 5 Q. (BY MR. RUIZ) Is it -- Are there times where 5 You were identified as the person who could 6 there's more than one person who Staff Services has 6 provide testimony, and I just want to get that on the 7 determined should -- should be the subject of more 7 record so that we can get the City to actually provide 8 somebody that can provide answers to questions with A. We do have a policy, well, a practice in place 9 relating -- relating to 12. Okay. 9 10 of conflict resolution, where we bring two parties 10 MS. SULLIVAN: Okay. together to try to work out issues. 11 MR. MONTEIRO: It's 11, too. 12 MR. RUIZ: To the extent that she was not Now, that may not necessarily be tied to an 12 13 OIG investigation. 13 able to answer questions with respect to 11 --Q. You know, I don't think my question's clear. 14 MS. SULLIVAN: Okay. 15 Let me make sure. 15 MR. RUIZ: -- is that okay? You --16 A. Okay. 16 MS. SULLIVAN: Yeah. 17 17 Q. In those situations where OIG -- I'm sorry --MR. RUIZ: -- agree to that? Okay. MR. MONTEIRO: Can we get that someone 18 18 Staff Services has sent you a determination and that 19 determination that there should be more training offered 19 tomorrow or Thursday for that? I mean, we have McLeod 20 scheduled already, so ... 20 to in this situation, is there ever -- is it ever a 21 21 situation where the individual that they think should be MS. SULLIVAN: I'll -- I'll check on the 22 2018 one, since this is the most recent one. So I'll 22 given more training is actually more than one individual, 23 but a group of persons? 23 check on that one. 24 A. I don't recall, no. 24 McLeod should be able to. If not, I'll 25 Q. Okay. 25 make sure that she is, so... Page 94 Page 96 And in those situations where OIG has 1 MR. RUIZ: Thank you very much. 2 determined that it's appropriate to provide more training, 2 Ms. Andrews, those are the questions that I 3 is it your practice, or your office practice, to always 3 have. Thank you very much. 4 provide that training? THE WITNESS: Thank you. 5 MS. SULLIVAN: Objection. Misstates the 5 **FURTHER EXAMINATION** 6 BY MR. CAPODICE: 6 facts and evidence and the testimony of this witness. 7 Go ahead and answer. Q. Did you have all the information that you needed 8 A. It's not OIG. Here again, it's Staff Services. 8 to answer all the questions today? 9 Q. (BY MR. RUIZ) Oh, correct. Okay. 9 A. Yes. 10 When staff Services makes that 10 MR. CAPODICE: Okay. I pass the witness. 11 recommendation that training was to be provided, is it 11 MS. SULLIVAN: I pass. We're done. Read always provided? 12 and sign, please. 13 A. If they make a recommendation, yes, it is. 13 (Deposition concluded at 01:04:58 p.m.) 14 Q. It's always provided. 14 15 15 And is training mandatory for the person 16 identified before they return to work? 16 17 A. I don't necessarily know if it's mandatory or 17 18 not. 18 19 19 Q. Do they -- Does the person that the Staff 20 Services recommends for training, do they have to go to 20 21 the training? 21 22 A. I don't know that. 22 23 23 Q. You don't know that. Okay. Oh, I'm sorry. Earlier, when we were talking about 24 24 25 Exhibit 12, you testified that you could not provide 25

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7		7	day of, A. D., 2019, at 9:38 a.m.,
8		8	at the offices of CITY OF HOUSTON LEGAL DEPARTMENT, 900
9		9	Bagby, Third Floor, Houston, Texas 77002, the following
10		10	named person, to-wit: WANDA L. ANDREWS, who was by me
11		11	duly cautioned and sworn to testify the truth, the whole
12		12	truth, and nothing but the truth of her knowledge touching
13		13	and concerning the matters in controversy in this cause;
14		14	and that she was thereupon carefully examined upon her
15		15	oath and her examination reduced to typewriting under my
16		16	supervision; that the deposition is a true record of the
17		17	testimony given by the witness; that the witness has
18		18	requested a review pursuant to Rule 30(e)(2), same to be
19		19	sworn to, and subscribed, by said witness before any
20		20	Notary Public, pursuant to the agreement of the parties.
21		21	I further certify that I am neither attorney nor
22		22	counsel for, nor related to or employed by, any of the
23		23	parties to the action in which this deposition is taken;
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